

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of producing an interspecific *Lobelia* plant, the method comprising the steps of:

- 5 a. crossing a *Lobelia erinus* with a *Lobelia valida*;
 b. recovering the resulting F₁ hybrid interspecific *Lobelia* seed;
 c. planting the F₁ hybrid interspecific *Lobelia* seed and regenerating into plants; and
 d. selecting an interspecific *Lobelia* plant.

10 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the *Lobelia erinus* can be either the female or male parent.

15 3. The method of claim 1 wherein the *Lobelia valida* can be either the female or male parent.

- 20 4. An interspecific *Lobelia* plant produced by the method of claim 1.

25 5. The interspecific *Lobelia* plant of claim 4 wherein said plant has a pedigree which includes BFP-100 or derivatives thereof.

- 30 6. Pollen of the plant of claims 4 or 5.

7. An ovule of the plant of claims 4 or 5.

8. A tissue culture comprising regenerable cells of the plant of claims 4 or 5.

9. A cutting of the plant of claims 4 or 5.

10. Seed from the plant of claims 4 or 5.

11. An interspecific *Lobelia* plant produced by the method comprising the steps of:

- a. crossing a *Lobelia erinus* with a *Lobelia valida*;
- b. recovering the resulting F₁ hybrid interspecific *Lobelia* seed;
- 5 c. planting the F₁ hybrid interspecific *Lobelia* seed and regenerating into plants; and
- d. selecting an interspecific *Lobelia* plant.

12. The interspecific *Lobelia* plant of claim 11 wherein said plant has a pedigree which includes BFP-100 or derivatives thereof.

10 13. Pollen of the plant of claim 11.

14. An ovule of the plant of claim 11.

15. A tissue culture comprising regenerable cells of the plant of claim 11.

16. A cutting of the plant of claim 11.

17. Seed of the plant of claim 11.